

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled).

1 ~~20~~. (Previously Presented) A method for intranasally administering a composition comprising a microparticle and an antibody adsorbed thereon, wherein said administering comprises having a protein and an antibody thereon with the nasal mucosa of a patient in need thereof, and wherein the transepithelial transport obtained with 3.2×10^{11} microparticles/ml is 1.7%, wherein said antibody is an immunoglobulin specific for the protein.

2 ~~21~~. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of BSA, insulin, enkephalin, hormones, growth factors, cytokines, coagulation factors, ~~polypeptides~~, antimicrobial agents.

3 ~~22~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein said antibody is an immunoglobulin selected from the group consisting of IgM, IgA, and IgG.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

4 ~~24~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein said microparticle is biodegradable.

5 ~~25~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein said microparticle comprises polystyrene.

6 ~~26~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein the ratio of protein to antibody is 1 to 15,000 moles of protein per mole of antibody.

7 ~~27~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein the ratio of protein to antibody is 1 to 5,000 moles of protein per mole of antibody.

8 ~~28~~. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim ~~20~~, wherein the ratio of protein to antibody is 1 to 100 moles of protein per mole of antibody.